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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

MEETING DATE AND TIME: May 4, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: July 6, 2011

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Wendy Mears, Professional Member, Chairperson Kimberly Pierson, Professional Member, Vice Chairperson Nancy Broadhurst, Professional Member

#### **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, Public Member Victor Kennedy, Public Member

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Harriet Clough Christina Welsh Melanie Shade Roberta Monahan

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Mears called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

# **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2011 meeting. Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Ratify Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to ratify the following applications:

Patricia Finnerty – Occupational Therapist
Melanie Passwater – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Caitlin McElrath – Occupational Therapist
Lacey DeGeorgio – Occupational Therapist
Theresa Kirk – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amy Kuniskas – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Amy Coyne – Occupational Therapist
Kathryn Ellis – Occupational Therapist

The motion was unanimously carried.

#### Review of Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

The Board reviewed the application of Roberta Monahan for licensure as an occupational therapist. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to approve Ms. Monahan's application. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Marilyn Webster for licensure as an occupational therapy assistant. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to approve Ms. Webster's application. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### **Review of Continuing Education Activities**

Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to approve the following continuing education courses:

Institute for Natural Resources

The Tranquil Brain: Mood Swings, Hormones & Stress – 6 hours Aging Body; Aging Mind – 6 hours

Colleen Heckman – Easter Seals Technology and Abilities – 1 hour

#### Beebe Medical Center

Advances in the Treatment of Adults with Dupuytren's Contractures with a Palpable Cord – 2 hours
Burns – 4 hours
Basal Joint Arthritis – 2 hours
Hand Fix – 2.5 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to approve the following continuing education course:

#### Rehabdynamix

Using the ACL to Predict Functional Outcomes: Using the Updated ACLS/LACLS – 8 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to approve the following continuing education course:

Care Resources, Inc.

Clinical Approach to the Evaluation and Treatment of Congenital Muscular Torticollis – 12 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

#### Discussion of Recent Superior Court Decision-Administrative Record – Ms. Heeney

Ms. Heeney advised Board members about a recent Superior Court decision which impacts all administrative boards. The decision states that administrative boards can only rely on information entered into evidence and must deliberate on the testimony and documents provided to them at the hearing.

# Ratification of Information Received from Melody Guy in Response to the Board's Final Order from the Rule to Show Cause Hearing

Ms. Mears had reviewed and approved the continuing education received from Ms. Guy and approved her license to be taken off suspended status. Ms. Broadhurst made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to ratify approval of the continuing education received from Ms. Guy and removing her license from suspended status. The motion was unanimously carried.

## Review of Letter from Linda Carroll Regarding Reinstatement of her License

The Board reviewed the letter from Linda Carroll requesting how to reinstate her license. Ms. Carroll's license is currently revoked due to not complying with the Board's final order from the rule to show cause hearing. Ms. Heeney advised that there is no provision in the current statute or rules and regulations regarding how to reinstate a revoked license. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to send Ms. Carroll a letter advising her that under the current statute, she must complete the application process in order to be licensed in Delaware. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### Sign Final Order from Hearing Held on March 2, 2011 for Shannon T. Dukes

Board members signed the final order from the hearing held on March 2, 2011 for Shannon T. Dukes.

## **Review of Continuing Education Activities**

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to approve the following continuing education courses:

#### At Home Seminars

Manual Interventions for Thoracic Outlet Syndrome – 4 hours Multidisciplinary Therapy Screening – 2 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to deny the following continuing education courses because they do not pertain to occupational therapy:

#### At Home Seminars

Ankle Anatomy and Biomechanics

Promoting Legal and Ethical Awareness-Module 1

Promoting Legal and Ethical Awareness-Module 2

Promoting Legal and Ethical Awareness-Module 3

Physical Therapy for Children: Module 1: Management of Musculoskeletal Impairment

Physical Therapy for Children: Module 2: Management of Neurologic Impairment

Physical Therapy for Children: Module 3: Management of Cardiopulmonary Conditions and

Special Considerations
Athletic Taping and Bracing

Manual Evaluation of the Sacroiliac Joint

Manual and Treatment of the Sacroiliac Joint

The motion was unanimously carried.

# OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Broadhurst asked if the form requesting approval of continuing education needed to be revised. It was decided that Board members will review the form and bring suggested changes to the next meeting. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Monahan advised the Board that in Rule and Regulation 2.1.2.1, it references Rule and Regulation 5, and it should reference Rule and Regulation 3. Ms. Heeney will make a note of this for the next public hearing.

#### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Dayle & Melvin

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III